
NATHALIE PEREGRINE: The recordings have been started. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everybody, and welcome to the APRALO monthly call, the 19th of May, 2016.

On the call today, we have Siranush Vardanyan, Anupam Agrawal, Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu, Ali Almeshal, Lianna Galstyan, Sam Gounder, Yasuichi Kitamura, Pavan Budhrani, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Will Tibben, and Tomohiro Fujisaki. We have no one on the Chinese channel as yet.

We received apologies from Kaili Kan, Nadira Alaraj, Holly Raiche, Amal Al-Saqqaf, and Hong Xue.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Nathalie Peregrine.

The interpreters today are Jessie Doherty and YiYi Johnson.

I would like you all to please remember to state your names before speaking for [inaudible] purposes, and also to speak slowly and steadily so the interpreters can do their jobs. Thank you ever so much, and over to you, Siranush.

Hello, Siranush, you might be muted.

[inaudible] has dropped. We will just be dialing her back. We'll have her back in a second. Apologies for this.

Maureen, I don't know if you've noticed. Siranush has asked in the chat if you could maybe take the floor to start the updates while we get Siranush reconnected.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

That would be great. No, thank you, Nathalie, I'll begin with that.

Yes, okay, I get this task every so often, and I hope that you can understand what it is that I'm talking about when I'm going through the policy statements.

If you have a look on the agenda that was there, the very first one was to look at what was actually looking at the budget for the financial year of 2016-2017. And ALAC has already made a statement related to the budget. But of particular interest that I wanted to raise with you was an [appendix] to the budget request by the ALAC to the Budget Committee, which is related to a particular interest to us as ALSes. And it's a special request to consider a multi-year plan to take into account holding a general assembly for each of the RALOs within a certain time frame. And I think that the usual practice is that every five years, there are about one or two general assemblies each year, and in the fifth year there's a summit.

The last time APRALO had a general assembly was in Beijing in 2013. And we plan to have another one in Abu Dhabi in 2017. So there's that four-year gap. And then the following year, I'm assuming – I think it's 2018 or '19 – is the next summit that's due.

But if we can get the Board to agree to a multi-year program in their multi-year budget for this program, it means that the ALAC and ALSes don't have to go cap in hand every time we want to hold a general assembly or a summit, because it will be part of ICANN's operational budget. So it is something that is a proposal that has gone in as part of

the financial year '17 proposal. And I believe that it's being considered as we speak.

I'm just trying to take [inaudible] okay. The next item that I wanted to have a little talk about was [inaudible], yeah. Statements that are in process at the moment, the request for input in the Next-Generation RDS to replace the WHOIS PDP. So one of the things that you're going to find, of course, for anyone who is new – I'm talking to you, Sam – is that you'll come across a whole lot of acronyms, which will just roll off your tongue after a while. But they are a little bit difficult to get a handle on initially.

For this particular activity, the ALAC has been asked to comment on this Next-Generation Registration Directory Services. In April last year, the Board asked the GNSO if they would establish another PDP, which is the Policy Development Process. I'm tripping over my tongue here. The PDP has been established to define why it's important to collect and to maintain and provide registration data, and also what safeguards are necessary to [protect that data].

Now, this is a new policy, and it sort of stems from what was actually carried out by the WHOIS PDP Working Group. So in the interim, there was another working party happening. It was called the Expert Working Group. And they created a whole lot of recommendations that will actually form the basis of this New gTLD policy.

And for those who are interested in the whole WHOIS process, or what used to be called the WHOIS, and the recommendations that the ALAC and other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations

are going to be asked to comment on, it might be important for you read through the Expert Working Group final report, which will provide the basis of all that.

Then the next request for input is the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures activity which, interestingly, is related to, I understand, gathering of historical data, and comments and statements that have been made during the development of the gTLD policies. And we've got a pretty high [pad] ALAC team working on this particular input document, with Alan, Cheryl, and Olivier. Alan is the current Chair, but Cheryl and Olivier have been previous Chairs of the ALAC. And they're putting this document together, and it will hundreds and hundreds, I would say, of comments and statements that have been made to do with the New gTLD process.

Going on a little bit further, we've got some comment requests, which the Leadership Team discussed and have decided that perhaps they may not require any input from the ALAC. We haven't given any statements ourselves to things like the Root Zone Label Generation Rules or the second one, which is specific Top-Level Domain. So given those, pass those over to the other people who will actually comment on those.

And finally, there are two quite new ICANN Bylaws that it's come about after a year and a half or whatever, how long it's taken the IANA Stewardship and the Enhancing ICANN Accountability groups working together on the final document, which went to the Board in March this year, and then on to the US Government. But what has happened as a result, of course, of the new development has been changes in the way that ICANN will operate and the bylaws that are required to make sure

that they're doing what it is that they say they were going to do in this new plan. And so there's been a tribe of lawyers who've worked on this, on the bylaws. And what the ACs and the SOs are being asked to do now is to comment.

Now, we don't have anyone who's been specifically assigned to this particular public comment activity, but we've had several people on the ALAC mailing list making comments. And no doubt, there'll be someone who will come out of that one. And if anyone is interested in ICANN Bylaws and would like to just click onto that link and make a comment, please do.

And the final one is a very interesting one. It's new. I only came upon it when I was having to put these notes together. But it is looking at... There was an ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors Policy, and it's being revised. And it's being revised to improve the standards and set up an affirmative expectation that harassment or persistence in the multi-stakeholder community will not be accepted. So that is what that particular public comment request is about. So if you're interested in that, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Are there any questions [inaudible]?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Maureen? Maureen? Thank you very much. I have a couple of questions, but before going to that, I will give the floor to Cheryl. Cheryl, please?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Siranush. Hopefully I can be heard clearly. Let me know in the chat, and actually if it's a problem for interpreters. Just a couple of points – sorry, my [birdy] background is [inaudible], wonderful. Just a couple of points on some of the things that Maureen mentioned.

At this stage with regards to the request for input for New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, I can understand though some of why Maureen [inaudible] we were just doing an archival review. In fact, the work of this work group is far more extensive than that, and we'll be looking at everything, including what may or may not happen when they [need] a new round for gTLDs. [inaudible] has managed what changes need to be made. There's a heap of work to happen.

Our beginning point, however, is looking at what has happened in the – call it [parent realm] and how the procedures leading up to that worked or did not work. And so it's with that historical perspective, just this beginning stage of our work that we've made this request for input.

That said, we will be wanting, at a later point, a lot more engagement and input with the work of this work group. And whilst I'm not suggesting that our RALO puts in any sort of commentary specific to our region in response to this, I would certainly like us to start thinking about, and perhaps encouraging some of our willing [mentees], to get engaged with the now, it will be known, Policy Development Process that this work group is going to be engaged in. So I just didn't want to miss the opportunity of that advertising. And obviously, Alan, Olivier, and I would be really happy to receive [inaudible] regional RALO [inaudible] forward.

And the only other one I wanted to mention specifically was the brand-new one, which Maureen referred to, the revision to ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors. I believe that the ALAC will probably put in a generically supportive, very short comment, which configuring the change of the text is highly appropriate. But it would be good if you could instruct your RALO representative on the ALAC to make specific commentary from our regional point of view, if that is possible. So that's something that perhaps the Leadership Team, based on their recommendations here today and with regard any input that our ALS reps on this call – or perhaps even on the list – might give us.

The reason I'm suggesting that is the reason that this is a necessity is a mismatch in cultural awareness and the diversity of cultural expectations and norms that we suspect our region has a greater [inaudible] than any other. In Europe, for example, they're relatively homogenous in their high sensitivities to being politically correct and [inaudible] cautiously. But in our region, we have a quite diverse sort of cultural norms and expected behavior between castes, cultures, creeds, religions, and genders. And I think we probably should make some sort of warm and fuzzy and asserting statement [of] specifically important nature, and that we, as a region, would be interested in seeing some particular guidelines developed as RALOs, this new text [on] expectations. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much, Cheryl. Thank you for this important intervention. I just would like to draw your attention once again to the public comments needed. The deadline for new ICANN Bylaws closes in two

days. So this probably in answer to Hong's, also, question, which Nathalie posted in the space that, "Is there submission from ALAC the comment on new bylaws or no?" So the deadline is still there. And Nathalie, if you can respond to Hong that. And I also thank Hong for the report, that ALSes in China just organized a community workshop on ICANN proposed new bylaws and this issue there. And it would be great if they put this as a comment to that, as a public comment.

And also, the revision of ICANN Expanded Standards of Behavior, we still a month to go for comment. So please, visit the space and provide your comments to that.

There is another issue which may be interesting for our RALO. Maureen mentioned this before, the multi-year planning of At-Large RALO face-to-face meetings. This means that currently it is approved by ALAC, but we are still expecting the final Board decision on that. I'm not sure if there is any response to that. I will come back to staff for that. But if this will be approved, we need to know if, for the next Asia-Pacific region, which just yesterday we knew that it will be next month, literally, after Helsinki. So if there is a possibility for our RALO to organization face-to-face general assembly for our ALSes while in India. So if staff can respond on that, that would be great.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Silvia, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: At this moment, I don't have precise information to share. But I have taken this as an action item to follow up with Heidi, who is more aware of all the details related to the fiscal year [inaudible] and other [inaudible].

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Okay, so Cheryl will already mention that there is no opportunity for GA in Hyderabad. This is unfortunately for our region, because I'd hoped that we would be able to do face-to-face there. But anyway, as soon as we get the final decision – and please not this in action item, to follow up with Heidi as well so we can get the official response, though I know Cheryl has all the power to have the official information. But, yes, I think that there will be another opportunity through Fellowship or through NextGen. So I at least hope that our ALSes will apply to Fellowship and NextGen and will be able to come there. Anyway, this is an urgent information for us to finalize, as we need to start our preparative work for the next ICANN meeting in Asia-Pacific. We'll come next to that later in our agenda.

For now, I would like to thank Maureen. If there is no questions to Maureen, I know, Maureen, I asked you on spot to do the update, as Holly was apology for this call. And thank you for this detailed explanation of current public comments and policy advice stuff.

Okay, if there is no any additional questions to that, I will go to agenda item 3, which is APRALO Regional Elections 2016. Nathalie posted the link to that. Thank you, Nathalie. And I would like to thank APRALO

ALSes once again for the confidence in current Leadership Team. We received a lot of support, and I want to thank you for that. And I hope that we'll continue working with the same enthusiasm and even more responsiveness to what we are going to do.

And I would also like to congratulate all current Leadership Team with a new term. So we'll see, we'll be talking about new activities coming up just as a result of this election.

Silvia, I wanted to ask if there was any follow-up or the final information, when it will be posted in the wiki, if you have any information for our ALSes to know.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

We have noted the wiki that all the candidates were selected by acclimation, as there was only one candidate per position. And you already sent the announcement to the APRALO mailing list. So from the procedural point of view, is completed.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Okay, thank you very much, Silvia. So the procedure with elections in APRALO is completed. And the next stage of working stage is starting. Thank you, Silvia.

So the next agenda item is APRALO strategy for 2017. As you know, starting from last year, each RALO is preparing its strategy. And throughout the whole year, we are keeping ourselves to that, we [inaudible] ourselves to that strategy. So just to provide an update, that the APRALO Leadership Team is in the process of writing the new

strategy for the next fiscal year, which starts from July 1st and will end on June 30th, 2017. And with the new changes of the next Asia-Pacific region, we also provide input in our strategy related to that, as we are going to organize several activities in Asia-Pacific region, as usual when ICANN takes place in our region.

Also, there is a new approach which APRALO Leadership Team came up with, is mentorship program. Each of us who currently hold any position started, a couple of years ago, to become a part of Leadership Team. But it's also important to bring newcomers and new blood to the [group]. And with that, we decided to initiate this mentorship program, to start preparing somehow the newcomers for them being able to start with the new term, when the new elections will be there. So there are, if I'm not mistaken, eight people expressed their willingness to be a part of this mentorship program, which is great, from our ALSes, which means that we have in APRALO, our ALSes, many people who are interested to come and take over the responsibility, as this is really a huge responsibility, except the timing, which we usually spend on different activities. But this is also a huge responsibility.

So we, as Leadership Team, we'll meet in Helsinki, and we'll finalize this strategy. And by July 4th, we need the strategy to be approved by Global Stakeholders Team in Asia-Pacific. And we'll be sharing this strategy, as usual, with our ALSes. And if anybody would like to think about what major part or what areas can be included in our strategy to be covered during the next year, you are more than welcome to provide your input.

And staff will be creating the wiki space for mentorship program as well. And initially, we will put the names of those who express their

willingness to be a part of this, and we'll also invite input from other people as well to post in that wiki space how they see, or how their own vision of mentorship program. And this program is a new initiative. So if you see the place where we will be more successful, you are more than welcome to provide your input.

Anupam is asking, "Is there some kind of strategy document in place?" Anupam there is strategy document for fiscal year '16, but the new strategy '17 is not in place, because we are in the process of preparation. And as I said, the strategy will be in "power," so called, since July 1st. And by that time, we will finalize it. And fortunately, we'll meet in Helsinki in person with the Leadership Team. So there will be no APRALO monthly call, face-to-face in Helsinki. But we'll discuss it with Leadership Team and come up with a final strategy document. So it will be shared with all ALSes, and it will be available in all our online [inaudible].

Any questions related to strategy for fiscal year '17 and mentorship program? I don't see any hands raised.

So let's move to another agenda item, which was posted yesterday. It's ICANN 57 meeting in Asia-Pacific. So as you all know, perhaps you'll recall choosing North America was changed because of Zika virus. And the next ICANN meeting 57, it will be the biggest meeting, will be in India, Hyderabad. So it is in Asia-Pacific, and it means that we need to start now. And the important step for us, to identify and to finalize how many ALSes will be there in person, how many can be funded through different opportunities. So I encourage our ALSes, as initially we have the information that their might not be any general assembly there

because of the time, so I encourage our ALSes to apply for Fellowship opportunities and be able to come to India, Hyderabad, as many ALSes as possible.

But we also will discuss with the staff what kind of activities we are going to do in Asia-Pacific. As usual, we may be holding their showcase of APRALO ALSes. So we'll see, and we'll keep you all updated as soon as the information will be in place. And of course, we always rely on our ALSes to be actively involved in preparatory work before the meeting and during the meeting, ICANN which held in Asia-Pacific.

Any questions related to that? Unfortunately, I don't have any other updates at this point to give. But by the next meeting, I think that will be more.

Silvia, yes, I agree. That's why we put this now in our agenda that we need to start some brainstorming. What can be done there? Is there any necessary –

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The connection has been interrupted.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: I think we lost Siranush.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Nathalie, can you hear? I'm sorry for interruption.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes, we can hear you, Silvia.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] we're just dialing Siranush back.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, we can hear you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Give us a few seconds.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Okay.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I was just wondering if Satish might want to start on his –

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I am back.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, okay.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I am back, sorry. Sorry for this technical issues. So just coming back to that, I agree that we need to start brainstorming on what activities we

would like to hold in Hyderabad. And also, I will be sending the information to our mailing list to see what kind of activities we can have. So is there a need for capacity building? Is there a need for showcase? Is there a need for other activities or general assembly? So we'll come up with the information through our mailing list, and we invite all our ALSes to come back with their input.

Lianna, you have the floor.

Lianna, are you muted?

Okay, we'll come back to Lianna. I think she lost –

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The connection has been interrupted.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hi, the message you're hearing is when Siranush's line drops. It's the automatic provider's message. So we're just dialing out to her again quickly.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Nathalie, considering we can't hear Lianna either, and she's also dialing in from Armenia, I'm assuming, there may be some generic provider technicality issues at the moment that we need to be aware of [inaudible] the AC room.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I think, yes, there might be some connectivity issues over here. So, yeah, Lianna, that's good to know that the deadline for Fellowship program is May 27th. So we have only literally eight days to go. So please keep in mind that those who are interested should apply now for Asia-Pacific meeting. Thank you, Lianna, for this input.

Any other questions related to ICANN meeting in Asia-Pacific? We will come up with more updates for sure.

And let's move to the next agenda item, Engaging with ICANN. I would like to give the floor to Satish, who is in [stakeholder] meeting with Government of India and will provide the update from that meeting. Satish?

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Siranush. I hope I am audible.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, we can hear you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Okay. So early this week, on Tuesday, the 17th, the Government of India organized a session on Engaging with ICANN, because before the announcement of the 57 location. It was actually an event that the government [inaudible] organized, and it was first time this happened in India. We had the top officials of Ministry of IT organizing it. Ram Mohan, from the ICANN Board, was there. I was there. And then the ICANN person [inaudible] was also there. There was about 85

[participants] from industry, [inaudible], IT, academia, and so on. Very active session.

There were a couple of effects that come out of this meeting that is important to us. One is that the Government of India has expressed full support for any entity that wants to engage with ICANN at any level. So it is arising out of the government, what should I say, approval of the multi-stakeholder model that was actually made clear in the last ICANN meeting itself.

So the other point is that we may be able to, for the Hyderabad meeting, there are certain opportunities that the support from the government actually provides us with. A couple of things that I can think of is if there's anything that APRALO would like ad support from the government and their advertisers, we should ask. We should send a proposal, and whatever it is, even outreach/inreach showcase, whatever it might be.

The second thing that comes out of this is that the local ALSes could together put their proposal for their funding for attending this meeting, travel and accommodations. That also, I think we may be able to... We do not want to utilize the Fellowship, although maybe we should apply. But Fellowships are more useful for [inaudible] participants. So this is a little bit opportunity which we may be able to utilize and leverage.

So in summary, the Government of India was committed to encouraging to be [inaudible] ICANN, even before Hyderabad was announced. And it provides us with an opportunity that we may be able to use at Hyderabad. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Satish, thank you. Really, thank you very much. I think this is very important piece of comment from Government of India. And if there is any opportunity for some additional funds for our ALSes coming from the government, that would really be appreciated. So I think that we will come back with more information when we go through already the detailed discussions with the ICANN staff and with the host. We will be having more information. And if there is a potential support coming to ALSes, of course we'll share with everyone. Thank you very much, Satish, for this information.

SATISH BABU: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And considering the fact that there is no ALSes in Hyderabad, a lot of support will be expected from you, as a local person from India, coming and from our ALSes who are based in India. So not in Hyderabad, but in India. So thank you very much. Any questions to that agenda item?

I Anupam is typing. We will see what his question is. Let's move to the next agenda item, which is APRALO activities in June 2016.

As you know, in June there is Helsinki meeting, the ICANN meeting in Helsinki. But as this is B meeting, the shortest one, so there will be only four days. We will not be having the opportunity to hold our monthly meeting there. And based on the timing, which usually we have our monthly meetings which is the third Thursday, it will be 23rd of June. But

by that time, four members of our Leadership Team will be in China, participating in Internet forum in China. And before that, we really need to be prepared for China meeting and for Helsinki meeting to finalize our strategy and come up with the planning for Asia-Pacific.

We came to the point that we probably will have difficulties to hold our monthly meeting in June and will postpone it to July meeting. And for July meeting, we'll be ready to give our ALSes already the strict information related for APRALO strategy, mentorship program, and preparation for Hyderabad meeting. So I would like the staff to note this as an action item, that the June monthly meeting in APRALO will be postponed to July for our usual date for July. And we will be sending this note to our ALSes as well.

I see Anupam posted the idea of joint proposal by ALS in India to government is good. How many ALSes we have in India? I think that we at least have four, those whom I know. Six? Okay. So that is great. If those six ALSes can come up with the joint proposal to the Government of India, that really will be unique and that will be great.

Satish, if I can ask you to send a note to ALSes based in India with that suggestion and to involve all of them to the discussion process and to see what they come up with, that will be really great. Satish, is it possible?

Okay, great. So we can put this an action item as well, Satish, to connect with ALSes in India. And thank you, Anupam, for the great suggestion. I think this will be important for us to jointly come up with a proposal and to support as many ALSes in India, as many Internet users coming to

Hyderabad meeting as possible, and to show the importance of Asia-Pacific also for the newcomers.

Any questions related to this? If no, our next agenda item is individual members. And we have talked about this during our last meeting. And Maureen provided the update on Rules of Procedures, together with Cheryl, on this.

I'd just like to add here that we have a couple of observers. As we don't have the final Rules of Procedures for individual members, as we really have challenges to find out the proper way on individual members' involvement, especially when it comes to voting. So whenever the Rules of Procedures will be there. We involve individual members as APRALO observers, and they applying to APRALO mailing list, and they keep an eye on what's going on in Asia-Pacific. And there is wiki space, yes. Silvia posted the link. And we'll have all the names of our observers with their contact information in this wiki space as well. So we have to know who are those observers, which we have. But they are full members of APRALO, and they are subscribed to our mailing list and come up with any ideas they think might be important for Internet users in Asia-Pacific. So I welcome all of them.

And I see one of them, Sam Gounder, who actually is from ALS from Pacific Islands, but also some kind of a newcomer to APRALO discussions. I welcome Sam to these discussions, and also welcome your input to what is going on. We have Maureen there who can be a real mentor for you to provide the information, what generally we are doing in APRALO. But I'm happy to see more people from Pacific Islands joining that as well.

Any questions on this issue? Yes, Maureen, thank you. Kasek Galgal is also new to APRALO meetings.

Yes, Kasek, I'm not sure if I know where are you from. If you can just post in the Adobe space where are you from, that would be great. And if you are interested to become an ALS or to be an observer in APRALO, just share with us. Okay, great, you are from Papua New Guinea. We just are in the process of getting new ALS from Papua New Guinea, so I welcome you to join that ALS as well and be a part of it. But welcome for the first time to our APRALO call.

Any questions to that?

If no, then I would like to give the floor to Silvia to provide update on the recent APAC Hub-APRALO webinar, which we held two days ago, on DNS Security and DNS Abuse. Silvia, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Siranush. Yes, on Tuesday, the 17th of March, we held the seventh webinar [inaudible] APAC Hub on DNS Security and DNS Abuse. And this was a follow-up of the previous webinar that we held back in July 2015 on the Basic DNA and DNS Ecosystem. This time, we had more intermediate level. So it provided more information about why it's important to keep the Internet secure, stable, resilient. And it was also a presentation of a small [inaudible] study on how DNS is being handled.

We had some great speakers, Champika Wijayatunga, is a Regional SSR Engagement Manager with ICANN, and Kitisak – apologies for the last name – is Jirawannakool, of Information Security Specialist of the

Electronic Government Agency of Thailand. Excellent [presenters] who gave us a great webinar. And this webinar had live captioning, and it was the second time that APRALO used a captioning facility. It is a pilot that the At-Large community is testing at the moment.

And now we are beginning the organization of the next webinar. And as you know, it's now a bimonthly webinar. And according to what APRALO has supplied us their choices, and the next one will be in July. And it will be on the IANA Transition Update: Where to Go from Here. And we will be reaching out to you and to also colleagues within ICANN to put together an agenda for the webinar in July.

So that's my update. Thank you, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Silvia. Cheryl, you have the floor.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Siranush. Silvia, this is something I was sorely tempted to put in to comment, etc., during the webinar on DNS Security and DNS Abuse. And I did appreciate the webinar and the webinar topic. But what I don't appreciate is if we – [simpler] things of putting a pop quiz together where you have multiple answers and radio buttons, instead of checkboxes, therefore meaning that people cannot put more than one answer. And when people have been listening, they first of all would probably know there was more than one correct answer. And so I think that the pop quiz was a negative, as opposed to any form of positive this time round.

It's simple enough, but I think we need to have staff responsible to check that the type of question format is suitable to the presenter's questions and answers. It seems very simple, but I, for one, basically threw my hands in the air and went, "Damn this for a joke. I'm not going to play anymore," and didn't respond to any of the questions. And that's a shame, because I would suggest that someone who is unsure about the answers would have been feeling confused and confounded, rather than reinforced and rewarded. And I thought we were aiming for the latter, not the former. Simple fix; just make sure it happens. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Cheryl. And staff noted your point. Thank you, Silvia, for the update as well. And, yes, I would like to share [something at the end], that captioning facilities was used, and already for second time for APAC Hub-APRALO webinars. And this is important for Asia-Pacific, particular as English is not the first language, not native language for many of us here. So it's not all of us. So it's important to follow up discussions while having these captioning facilities. And thanks, staff, for making this happen for those webinars.

I also know that Kelvin is not here, but would like to share my appreciation to APAC Hub and the staff in Singapore with helping, and their support to APRALO for these Capacity Building Webinars and the series of them. And as Silvia mentioned, the next one will be in July. So looking forward to the next APAC Hub-APRALO webinar.

And also, information are really important to follow up with those who are not able to participate in webinars. They can go back to those page. And Nathalie posted also the link to webinar space. You can go do wiki space to find out and hear the recording and PowerPoints, discussions which were taking place during our webinar.

I just want our so-called newcomers for this APRALO, [inaudible] Kasek, Will, and Sam to make sure that you are subscribed to, first, APRALO mailing list. I know Sam is already subscribed. But all of you, just make sure that you are subscribed to our mailing list and you have access to wiki space. If you have challenges with that, please send an email to Silvia.

Silvia, if I can ask you to give your e-mail address in chat space, that would be really great. And if you have challenges with visiting our wiki spaces or have challenges to finding out any information there – I know it is sometimes very complicated – feel free to send an e-mail to any of us and to – particularly Silvia from staff, who is always huge support for all of you.

Thanks, Silvia. Any questions on APRALO-APAC Hub webinar? If there's no questions, we have only one last agenda item, AOB. This is the place where anyone can say anything and to add.

Yes, Anupam, please, you have the floor.

ANUPAM AGRAWAL:

Thank you, Siranush. Am I audible?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Yes, Anupam, we can hear you well.

ANUPAM AGRAWAL: Just to update that we are planning an event in the month of June from our ALS wherein we are voting on a project with IT. So as part of that project, we are going to a university campus, where we will be doing an [event] session on ICANN and also on our ALS, and then build on certain preselected topics on [inaudible] Internet governance. There will be a small [individual] [inaudible] for putting up the topics. And then the community will try to get the page, along with the instructions how to do it and all. So this is a project we are directing in the first or second week of June, next month.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Excellent, Anupam, and thanks for sharing this information. If you can also send it to our mailing list to all other people who were not able to be in this call, this is great to know. We really need those updates coming from ALSes being posted in APRALO outreach calendar. This helps us also to know what our ALS is doing in their local community, and this is important to really keep us on the loop for the whole region. So thank you very much.

And any other intervention? Just for newcomers as well, we were talking about outreach calendar. APRALO has the outreach calendar. Silvia, I can ask you to post a link to that, that would be great. And we usually ask ALSes to provide input. And those who have the problem to entire directly into the space, they can send the information to any of us or to mailing list, and we can post this on your behalf in that calendar.

But this is great also. It is in concert with our strategy as well. So the next year strategy will also involve these local events, so this is important to continue using this APRALO outreach calendar.

Cheryl, you have the floor.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Helps if I come off mute. Thank you very much, Siranush. I just put my hand up briefly because it struck me, as Anupam was giving us that background on the great work his ALS is doing, if we had some At-Large Structures that would like to do something, in terms of online outreach, etc., etc., but they just feel a little bit hesitant because of resourcing or tools, if the topic they're looking at, if the matter they're discussing has relevance to the work of ICANN, we can always work with the [inaudible] directly with Heidi to facilitate some types of use of the Adobe Connect rooms and that sort of stuff. So it may make a difference between an ALS deciding to do one type of event and deciding to do an event which has greater reach. And I just wanted to put that for the record.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Cheryl. If staff can take note of that as well, that would be great. And thank Nathalie for sharing outreach calendar.

Any other interventions for this call? If no, then I would like to thank everyone for your active participation. I this is really very important and fruitful meeting. I also would like the staff to note as well that Cheryl expressed her willingness to support a mentorship program, which is

really great. And we will rely on Cheryl, with her experience and with her mentorship to many newcomers from not only APRALO but all other RALOs. So thank you, Cheryl, for your help and your willingness to support. And many of you know that Cheryl also is my mentor to come to APRALO. So we are in good hands, so thank you very much, Cheryl.

And thank you everyone. If there is no any other information to be added by you, I'd like to thank everyone for participation, and thank also staff for your help. Thank you very much, and see you in Hyderabad in person.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much. You may now stop the recordings. This concludes this call. Have a lovely remainder of your day or evening. Goodbye.

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